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TO AMCONSUL ASMARA

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NAIROBI FOR RSS AND CO, COMPANY "F", ADDIS ABABA FOR RSO

E.O. 11652:N/A

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SUBJECT: MSG T/O DECREASE, ASMARA

REF: (A) NAIROBI 7691 (B) ASMARA 588

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATIVE OF POST DESIRE TO DECREASE T/O
BY ONE MAN. WE DEFER TO CONSUL GENERAL'S DECISION IN
MATTER BUT WOULD HOPE THAT POST CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING
POINTS:

(A) RSO HIPSON ARRIVING ADDIS ABABA O/A AUGUST 6. POST
MIGHT WANT TO DELAY DECISION FOR THIRTY DAY PERIOD IN ORDER
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FOR RSO TO REVIEW SITUATION.

(B) DEPARTMENT FULLY REALIZES LACK OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND ONE MORE MSG MERELY MEANS MORE FREE TIME. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE NEED SHOULD ARISE TO INCREASE T/O BACK TO ORIGINAL STATE OR EVEN HIGHER, UNSTABLE SECURITY SITUATION MIGHT PREVENT ENTRY OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.

2. UNLESS POST HAS STRONG OBJECTIONS, SUGGEST THAT MSG POSITION BE MAINTAINED ANOTHER THIRTY DAYS. KISSINGER

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